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TO THE WALL.

Hon. O. J. Snider a Laffin Merchant Makes an Assignment.

Hon. O. J. Snider, a merchant at Laffin, made an assignment last Monday afternoon for the benefit of his creditors. W. K. Chardler an attorney of this place is named as the assignee. The Andrew Clippard estate and the Ely Walker Dry Goods company of St. Louis are, it is understood, the largest creditors. Assignee Chandler went down Tuesday, took charge of the stock of goods and closed up the store. He will begin invoicing the stock Monday, assisted by W. E. Rockwell, A. Mayer and L. J. Grimsley.

It is learned that the liabilities are about \$2,500 and the stock of goods is worth perhaps, \$3,000. Mr. Snider has been pressed for several days and though a careful business man, was unable to weather the storm. He stood as well as any man could have stood under the circumstances. The stock of goods is the old Andrew Clippard stock, and was bought by Mr. Snider on time. He also made additions to the stock on time. On account of the extremely dull sales of the past month he was unable to convert the goods into cash, and, consequently could not meet his obligations. Under these circumstances he thought it better to assign his stock at once, before allowing the obligations to run longer.

A Press reporter interviewed Mr. Snider Tuesday, and he said: "I can explain my situation no better than to say that I have goods that I could not sell fast enough to meet my obligations. I bought these goods on time and made additions to it on the same terms. I have been unable to convert my goods into cash owing to dull times and could not meet my obligations. I might have held out longer but I thought it best to assign and give my creditors an equal chance. I still contend that honesty is the best policy. For the present I will remain here and buy wheat for the Sikeston Milling company."

Mr. Snider is one of our best young men and was an honest and careful business man. He has been in business at Laffin about one year. He at present a member of the Legislature from this county.

They Were Fond of Apples.

Philip Reiley and Avery Watts of Glen Allen and Arthur McCans Thurman Kinder and Lanson Potter of this place, were arrested the latter part of last week on warrants sworn out by Mrs. Elizabeth Baker or John Thompson charging them with taking apples from the latter's orchard west of town. They will be tried before Justice Bowman on Monday after next. Mrs. Baker states that on last Thursday night the above named young men were discovered by John Thompson, her son in law in her orchard taking apples, and on that warrant was sworn out. They are out on bond.

It is altogether probable that the boys had no thought of committing a trespass.

Mrs. Masters Insane.

The county court will sit in special session next Monday to investigate the alleged insanity of Mrs. Jonas Masters, living near Bessville. She is reported to be dangerously insane, and has been so for almost three weeks. She is very violent, threatening her own life and that of others, and has made some attempts. She has been in the asylum twice before, and is said to have been insane before her marriage.

Mrs. Hannah Morrison of Denver, who has been visiting her father, Judge Estes several weeks, returned to her home last Thursday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Cloia Estes, who has heretofore made her home with Judge Estes.

A NEW CLUB.

The Base Ball Fever Seemingly Revived.

Lutesville has a base ball club though it is not yet regularly organized. The editor has not learned the names of all the members, but such well known players as Smith, Leoffler, Goodwin, and White, will, it is thought, be in the club. They are preparing for a game with Laffin soon.

Marble Hill has organized as follows: D. J. Conrad, captain and pitcher; A. T. Mayer, catcher; A. Sander, first base; Charles Wells, second base; George Dunlap, third base; E. A. Mayer, short stop; Forrest Bollinger, right field; Folsom Portis, center field, and Sidney Caldwell, left field.

An Orchestra.

Several young men of Marble Hill have recently organized an orchestra. It is composed of seven pieces as follows:

Alex Dunlap, first violin; Robert Hatcher, second violin; J. S. Lane, bass violin; E. L. Drum, guitar; E. O. Sander, banjo; E. A. Mayer, mandolin, and W. H. Sander, cornet. These are all gentlemen of much musical talent, and the organization is a rare one in point of merit. They are practicing, and promise the people of the Twin Cities some excellent serenades soon.

Sunday School Picnic.

The General Baptist denomination will give a grand Sunday school picnic at the Locust Grove church, three miles east of Marble Hill on August 4. Every individual and every Sunday school in the county is invited to be present. Dinner will be served on the ground.

Are You Behind?

Many of our readers are more than one year behind. We have been very lenient. You have been reading the paper and have been benefited. Don't you think you ought to pay up? We leave the questioning for you to answer by your actions. What will your answer be?

Christain Convention.

The annual convention of the Christain churches of the Farmington district will be held at Libertyville August 14-16. Trains will be met at Knob Lick and entertainment provided for all who attend.

For Embezzlement.

Collector Henry Ziegenhein and Deputy Collector Carl Ungar of St. Louis were placed on trial last Monday charged with embezzling \$4,000 of the city's money. The case is being tried by Judge Green of DeSoto, as special judge. Attorney General Walker and Circuit Attorney Bishop are conducting the prosecution and Marshal F. McDonald the defense.

Not Burned.

The report that William Norman's mill at Delta was burned in last week's Press was erroneous. The sawdust about the mill was on fire and Robert Boan, the editor's informant, mistook it for the mill. He came away from Delta early and as the mill is a mile below the junction, he was not undeceived.

A Party.

A large crowd of little people spent a pleasant evening at a pound party at the residence of Henry Elfrank last Tuesday night. Refreshments were served and various games and amusements indulged in.

A company of Marble Hill young men went on a serenading expedition into Lutesville Saturday night. They were courteously received wherever they went.

Another Statement.

In regard to the statement of Joseph Waldrup in the Banner last week that the Press had misrepresented him, we wish to say that we were misinformed as to the location of the escapade. Mr. Waldrup attempted to make an assault on Moses Jones, a crippled up and almost helpless old veteran, by the side of Caldwell's grocery store but was prevented from doing so by T. J. Teeters the mayor. We are sorry that we said that Mr. Waldrup raised the disturbance at Jones' home, instead of on the public square, in the center of the business part of town. At all events Waldrup was arrested, fined and paid his fine, and numerous people who saw him, say he was intoxicated. The editor had no thought of misrepresenting Mr. Waldrup but simply gave the item of news as he does all items, without prejudice or partiality.

Crop Bulletin.

The weather last week was very favorable for harvesting, but the great sunshine and lack of rain was injurious to immature crops throughout the state. In the eastern part of the state the temperature was about normal but was below in the rest of the state. In many counties rain is not needed, but in the state generally corn needs rain, and in some sections farmers are compelled to haul water.

Oats is a better crop than was expected; hay, while a small crop, is being well harvested and matured. The second crop of clover is being injured by drought. In some of the southern counties corn is large enough for roasting ears.

In some counties farmers have commenced plowing for wheat.

An Editor's Party.

The young people of the Twin Cities enjoyed a very pleasant party at the home of T. R. Green on South Crown street last Monday evening. Alvah Green and Miss Nellie Green were the host and hostess. The guests were numerous and many kinds of amusement were indulged in. Ice cream was served at 10 cents a dish. It is understood that the proceeds are for the benefit of the Congregational Methodist church. All present express themselves as having been highly entertained.

Still We Build.

Another building fever seems to have struck the Twin Cities. M. H. Williams elegant new residence in college heights is a most finished C. Price has completed two tenement houses, near Crooked creek; Mrs. M. E. Cofer is building an elegant residence at the corner of Second and Crown streets, and T. M. Jones is building a new meat market on First street.

To Hear Sam.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. King and Messrs. Walter Burford, W. A. Leoffler, E. L. Drum, G. F. Kurre, Charles Revelle, L. T. Kinder, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sample, and others, whose names the editor did not learn, went to Charleston yesterday to hear Sam Jones.

An Earthquake.

The Twin Cities were visited by a slight earthquake shock yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. It lasted only about twenty seconds, shaking houses considerably. It is probably one of the great earthquakes that has recently made such devastation in Turkey.

Dental Notice.

I will be in Lutesville Monday, July 23, and remain three or four days.
J. L. Jenkins, Dentist.

Every Town Has

A liar.
A sponger.
A smart alec.
A blatherskite.
Its richest men.
A neighbor feud.
Some pretty girls.
A girl who giggles.
Half dozen lunatics.
A woman who tattles.
A justice of the peace.
A man-who-knows-it-all.
More loafers than it needs.
Men who see every dog fight.
A boy who cuts up in church.
A few meddlesome old women.
A "thing" that stares at women.
A widower who is too gay for his age.
Some men who make remarks about women.
A few who know how to run the affairs of the country.
A girl who goes to the postoffice every time the mail comes in.
A growing young man who laughs every time he says anything.
A legion of smart alecs who can tell the editor how to run his paper.
Scores of men with the caboose of their trousers worn smooth as glass.
A man who grins while you talk and laughs out loud after he has said something.—Western paper.

A Denial.

In answer to some false reports, I desire to say to the public that I will produce in the court official and other evidence to prove the infamous rot that is in them in regard to the cause of my wife's insanity; and if there is any person in the county or out of it that can produce any evidence as to my ever mistreating her or failing to do my duty towards her, I invite them to bring it into court.

JONAS MASTERS.

Useless work.

The Republicans hosts of the Fourteenth congressional district were in convention at Cape Girardeau yesterday, nominating a man for Marsh Arnold to paralyze next November. No news of the convention has yet been received here but it was the general opinion that Hon. Wilson Cramer of Jackson, an able lawyer and a worthy gentleman, is the victim named. Such meetings are a useless wast of money.

The Strike Ended.

The great strike of sympathy is off. Government troops suppressed the rioting strikers and friends, and other men were allowed to go to work. This virtually broke the power of the strikers, and trains are now running on regular time. Members of the A. R. U. and K. of L. are still out, but the places left by them are filled by scabs. The Pullman shops, from which the strike originated, will soon begin operations.

If Men Were Mice.

The Dunklin Democrat tells of two young lady institute pupils, evidently at Kennett, who prepared for examination. They were to be examined on physiology and civil government, and they were uneasy. To prevent a possible failure, they took a subject each, and writing all they knew about it, placed the carefully folded paper under their elastic garters to be used and exchanged when needed. Whether or not the conductor knew of the knowledge concealed about those shapely limbs is not known. But he separated them and placed each alongside a handsome young man. The written information was not, under the circumstances, referred to.

Deferred One Day.

The Southeast Missouri Swamp commission will meet here to-day, having been deferred one day.

LAFLIN NEWS.

Farmer Jones Has Something More to Say.

Since our last communication was not consigned to the waste basket, Farmer Jones is constrained to scribble again.

Two births since the last issue, both girls. One at Marion Allman's and one at Wash Devore's.

John Englen is at Laffin with his steam thrasher, and our farmers are happy in an abundant yield of both wheat and oats.

We regret to learn that Phal Tuck has decided to leave our vicinity. He will soon move to Marble Hill and engage in business. Phal is a hustler, and we wish him success.

It was with pleasure that we read the article of Hector from Fillmore township. By the way, Hector isn't the Republican party down with the family complaint, anyway? If we subtract the Coopers and Conrads what would remain? Formerly the Croakers could be induced to vote the Republican ticket by putting one of the family on the ticket but since the days of third partyism, they demand the recognition of all their family who are of the male persuasion, and have reached the ripe year of 21 years.

By the way, Mr. Editor, Farmer Jones has a neighbor who stands high in Republican circles, and who has been received into the most private of private caucuses and who has assisted in operating the innermost parts of the inside machinery of Bollinger county Republicanism for many years. He has given us, in detail, the full proceedings of this year's Cooperism. In our next we will commence to-be-continued account of these proceedings as detailed to us by the Republican. These proceedings are interesting, as they fully explain why this Hon., Parson, Co. Thomas Republican Green, of the East, keeps a standing army of loafers, on the streets of Marble Hill, whose sole avocation seems to be to denounce the Democratic officers and Democratic pension board as a set of fools and scoundrels. They fully explain why the ticket is thus, etc.

Yours in haste, FARMER JONES

It is Finished.

The Methodist tent meeting, the new park closed last Thursday evening. The meeting has for record seven additions to the Methodist church, two to the Methodist church, south, and one to the Baptist church. The tent was moved to Bloomfield, where Mr. Crow, Rev. Crow, Rev. McCrack and others will hold a meeting. About August 1, it is learned a camp meeting will be begun these evangelists at Oak Ridge.

While they were here able work was done, and a marked degree of earnestness on the part of the evangelists and of interest on the part of the people was noticed. Miss Crow is a lady of rare power and is an instrument for the accomplishment of much good. They were assisted by Revs. Kitterman Phelps, Price, Oliver, Russell and Davant of the home ministers.

Played Three Games.

The Lutesville and Marble Hill base ball teams played a practice game on the new diamond between towns last Saturday afternoon.

Some good playing was done, the score stood 39 to 16 in favor of Marble Hill. Two practice games were played on the same diamond Sunday.

The Marble Hill club has received a challenge from Laffin, and the club will very probably meet in a match game next Saturday afternoon.